

# MEXICO SURELY DEMONSTRATING ITS LOVE FOR AMERICANS

JUST when the public had begun to hope the season was closed on Americans in Mexico a report comes to the chamber of commerce here showing that a dozen or more United States citizens have been "peppered off" in our neighbor republic since Jan. 1, 1920.

Nothing seems to have any diminishing effect on the dead rate. On the first day of March, an American, R. A. Corcoran, superintendent of the Santa Gertrudis mine at Pachuca, was killed.

To show that the temperamental Latins despise money even more than they dislike Americans, the next offense committed against an American citizen was not a murder but an explosion. Gerald Brandon of the Los Angeles Times was ejected under article 33. Then did the awful peon return to mere assassination? Not by a narrow margin. The next act on the great variety program consisted in a kidnapping. These vandals' stunts of the sovereign "istas" cost money. The expenses must be defrayed. So on March 5 Peter W. Sommers and Joseph Williams were captured and held for ransom. In order that everybody in Mexico might be satisfied, one was captured by Carrancistas and the other by Villistas. After these profitable escapades, the Mexicans again returned to the more routine of murder again on March 9, when Patrick Foley was killed at Tampico, but it is reported that the slayers exhibited considerable zeal and deliberation in their actions.

Since the last Jenkins episode of last December, when some signs of being willing not to do it again were shown, the following proofs of the utter friendship of that country for America and Americans have been given:

Dec. 2, 1919—Consul Doyle, at Mexico, announced the brutal and inhuman treatment of W. K. Milton, a discharged American soldier, who was taken to Calixtla, Cal., suffering from broken bones, cuts and bruises.

Dec. 4, 1919—Mexican bandits raided the store of a Texan, looting the store and stealing a number of the horses.

Dec. 11, 1919—Frank Hinge, manager of the J. M. Debiele ranch near Mexcala, state of Coahuila, kidnapped and held for \$10,000 ransom.

Dec. 15, 1919—H. V. Leonard and H. O. Martin, members of the crew of the submarine tender Pokonoko, arrested November 12 by Mexican authorities and confined to jail at Mexicali.

Dec. 24, 1919—William Poyel, an American farmer, living near Juarez, Mexico, reported missing by the American consul, Edward A. Dow.

Jan. 6, 1920—W. J. Rando, an American oil employee, killed at Port Lobos in the Tampico district.

Jan. 8, 1920—Carl Bowles, an American oil employee, killed at Port Lobos in the Tampico district.

Jan. 7, 1920—State department announced the killing of Gabriel Purier, an American employee of the Penn-Mex oil company, by a Mexican federal army officer at Tuxtepec, December 31, 1919.

Jan. 9, 1920—Mexican bandits raid and loot the store of J. G. Wall, an American, at Colonia Juarez.

Jan. 16, 1920—Luisa Gonzales, killed by Mexican army officer, Camarero, Mexico.

Jan. 18, 1920—State department announces the robbery of the Aguilar Oil company's store at Tampico, where three men were wounded.

Jan. 22, 1920—Two army aviators, Lieuts. E. F. Davis and G. H. Grimes, who were forced to make a landing in Mexico, were held for several months before being released.

Feb. 2, 1920—Major Walden and Lieut. Wolff, army aviators, forced to land near Nancoy, Sonora, detained by Mexican authorities.

Feb. 5, 1920—State department announces the abduction of Joe E. Askew, an American citizen, by Pancho Villa, at Lerdo.

Feb. 18, 1920—State department announces the abduction and holding for ransom of Wilson Welch Adams, at Zacatecas.

Feb. 25, 1920—State department announces the kidnapping and holding for ransom by Mexican of Harry Garity, an employee of the American Metals company, at Mazami.

Feb. 28, 1920—Ramon M. Zardena, an American citizen, killed at Tampico on February 11. He was an accountant for the Buckley Oil company.

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Little Interviews.

## Water For Streets Of El Paso Only Few Feet Under Surface Express Business Gradually Getting Back To Normal State

ONCE in a while we hear El Paso "dressed out" for not using more water on the streets. The reason for this lack is put down to the cost of water by some, and to a limited supply by others. It seems a pity that a city of almost 100,000 should be dependent on one solitary power plant for electricity, and one source of supply for water.

About two-thirds of our city—to make a guess—have no running water, which is good enough for washing and sprinkling the streets. A truck with a gasoline power pump would go to a system of wells, located like man holes in the sewers and give our business section a daily cleaning. Or a few tanks can be filled

by electric or gas power pumps from this same shallow water. These tanks can be located at convenient points for water to be more noticed; it is up to the chemists to discover some way to purify what we have—don't you think? Or, for the engineers to plan a practical, economical method of gathering water from the Colorado river, or other place. Men, or cities, that hope for something to happen are often disappointed; we may get the high tide water from El Paso, but it is in a plan to plan for a sure supply of water.

Toward the grow rapidly cannot evade the cost of improvements; yet the expenses can be reduced by developing a system, adding single units at demand points. Taxpayers are entitled to as low a rate as is conducive to progress; but we must go for it.

"Without abundant water we cannot have flowers, lawns, parks, trees and a sanitary environment. Windy carries germs as well as sand. Are we to wait for Uncle Sam to give us water system, or get busy and do it ourselves?"

"Now that the American Railway Express company is operating under its own management," said W. J. Martin, general agent, "the company is gradually returning to normal conditions and are introducing a great many changes in methods which expect will, within a reasonable time, show results very satisfactory to shippers."

"We have already accomplished much since the time of the merger in 1918, and the service is generally considered good. It is not to be expected that it cannot be improved and that is our aim. Yet we cannot promise immediate improvement owing to the unsettled conditions that have to be faced during this period of readjustment. With the improvement of the railroad service, the express business in cars and terminals, we believe that we can show great progress in this direction."

"We have consolidated the routing of freight as it is now on a national basis, using shippers the most direct railroad routes available for the handling of their business. The centralized management has made possible the introduction of standardized and improved methods of express operation throughout the country. We believe that shippers appreciate the advantages of centralization of the express business."

"The situation, with the express business is different from that of the railroads, in that the government has simply guaranteed the present company against an operating deficit for the next six months, instead of guaranteeing the profits for a period of three years, as has been done with the case of the railroads."

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